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County Issues Correction to Political Candidate's Letter Regarding Road Project

Misinformation provided recently to residents in Bel Air

(Bel Air, MD) - - It has come to the attention of the Harford County Department of Public Works that a political candidate has sent a letter to residents of the area surrounding Moores Mill Road in Bel Air regarding an upcoming construction project that will result in the temporary closure of a portion of the road. The candidate's letter contained erroneous information, and was presented in such a way that the recipient might believe that the candidate is an officeholder with authority over the project.

Jeff Stratmeyer, Chief Engineer of the Division of Highways and Water Resources, sent a letter to residents of the area regarding this project on June 3, 2013 with information about the project. *"During construction, the road will be closed to through traffic, but all local residents will retain access to their homes,"* Stratmeyer explained in the letter.

Stratmeyer further added, *"Ingress and egress to Harford Day School, Heritage Woods Apartments, Child Time Day Care and other businesses will be maintained during construction. A detour plan will be implemented for the duration of the project. Harford County has assigned a construction manager and site inspector who will be at the site on a daily basis to oversee the reconstruction project."*

"The position of the Craig Administration is that information regarding construction projects or other on-going initiatives of Harford County Government is best provided by county officials responsible for those projects and not candidates seeking election to public office," said Robert B. Thomas, Jr., spokesperson for Harford County Government. "The correspondence issued by the political candidate contained inaccurate and misleading information, specifically as it relates to both the location and status of Phase II of this road improvement project," Thomas added.

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Phase II of the project pertains to the section of Moores Mill from Business Route 1 to Maryland Route 924. While Phase II has been designed and the acquisition process is nearly complete, at timeframe for construction has not been determined. The reconstruction of the section of Moores Mill Road from Maryland 22 to the roundabout at Southampton Road was completed a number of years ago and included the replacement of the bridge over Bynum Run.

To provide ongoing project updates of accurate information to interested citizens, the Department of Public Works has set up a facebook page for the project at <https://www.facebook.com/MooresMillRoad>. Any questions regarding this project can be directed to Project Engineer Carlos L. Smith at 410-638-3509, extension 1370, or by email at clsmith@harfordcountymd.gov.

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